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FROM SAUNDERS - TEL AVIV, JERUSALEM FOR AMBASSADOR
ATHERTON, CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS

1. WE HAVE DEALT IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM WITH OBJECTIVE OF
PINNING DOWN EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO TAKE PART IN THE TRI-
LATERAL MEETINGS AUGUST 9-11, IDEALLY AT SFM.
2. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU YET ON POSSIBLE
TALKING POINTS TO USE WITH KAMEL AND SADAT, SO THESE
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THOUGHTS ARE OFFERED IN ADVANCE OF ANY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDA-
TIONS WE MAY RECEIVE FROM YOU.

3. THE OBVIOUS PROBLEM WITH SADAT IS THE RISK THAT GOING
TOO DEEPLY INTO DETAILS OF WHAT WE MAY EVENTUALLY SUGGEST
RISKS REACTION BY SADAT THAT THIS WILL NOT MEET HIS NEEDS.
WE ASSUME POSSIBILITY OF A NEGATIVE REACTION HAS BEEN

INCREASED BY DEVELOPMENTS OF RECENT DAYS AND ASSESSMENT OF HIS REACTION CANNOT BE BASED SOLELY ON HIS REACTION TO OUR IDEAS IN YOUR LAST MEETING. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE,

HOWEVER, THAT YOU CANNOT TELL SADAT LESS THAN YOU HAVE ALREADY TOLD SAUDIS AND JORDANIANS, SO OUR TENTATIVE SUGGESTION, SUBJECT TO YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, WOULD BE THAT YOU GO AS FAR WITH HIM AS YOU HAVE WITH THEM WHILE PRESENTING YOUR THOUGHTS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO LEAVE OPEN FOR THE SECRETARY FINAL PRESENTATION OF EXACT COMPROMISE WE WOULD HAVE IN MIND.

4. WE REALIZE YOU WILL BE UNDER PRESSURE FOR DETAILS OF HOW WE PLAN TO PROCEED AND EXACTLY WHAT IDEAS WE WILL PUT ON THE TABLE. YOU MIGHT TELL THEM THAT, TACTICALLY, WE SEE OUR PARTICIPATION IN WORKING SESSIONS AT TRILATERAL TALKS AS PROVIDING NATURAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUTTING FORWARD OUR IDEAS ONE BY ONE. OUR VIEW IS THAT TO THE EXTENT OUR IDEAS CAN BE MADE TO FLOW FROM THE TALKS THEMSELVES, THEY MAY AROUSE LESS AUTOMATIC RESISTANCE AND HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF WINNING ACCEPTANCE. ON SUBSTANCE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE AT THIS POINT YOU SHOULD OFFER LANGUAGE TO EGYPTIANS, AND IN ANY CASE, AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS STILL UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON. THIS AGAIN ARGUES FOR YOUR DESCRIBING OUR IDEAS ORALLY IN TERMS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED WITH SAUDIS AND JORDANIANS.

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5. WITH REGARD TO YOUR TALKS IN ISRAEL ON WHICH WE HAVE SEEN NO REPORT YET, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF SADAT COULD BE BROUGHT TO SEE THE ISRAELI POSITION ON SOVEREIGNTY REFLECTED IN DAYAN'S JULY 24 STATEMENT AS SOME MODEST ADVANCE IN THE ISRAELI POSITION, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT TO THE EGYPTIANS THIS MAY SEEM INSIGNIFICANT AND FAR FROM WHAT THEY FEEL THEY NEED. WE ASSUME YOU WILL HAVE YOUR OWN THOUGHTS AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS BASED ON YOUR TALKS IN ISRAEL.

6. PLEASE FORGIVE THE TENTATIVE NATURE OF THESE THOUGHTS. WE THOUGHT WE SHOULD GIVE YOU OUR PRELIMINARY THINKING BEFORE GOING HOME THURSDAY NIGHT SINCE YOU MAY NEED SOMETHING BEFORE WE HAVE A CHANCE TO REACT ON FRIDAY.

7. WE READ JERUSALEM 2032 (USDEL NO. 16) AFTER DICTATING THE ABOVE. OUR HOPE IS TO HAVE PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO SADAT LETTER IN CAIRO IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY FRIDAY HERE. OUR INSTRUCTIONS TO CAIRO FOR PINNING DOWN EGYPTIAN ATTENDANCE AT TRILATERAL TALKS PROVIDE YOU AND HERMANN FLEXIBILITY IN APPROACHING EGYPTIANS ON THIS SUBJECT.

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